

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 8, American Taxpayer Relief Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8557–S8610

Measures Introduced: Two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. Res. 628–629. **Pages S8589–90**

Measures Passed:

American Taxpayer Relief Act: By 89 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate passed H.R. 8, to extend certain tax relief provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003, and to provide for expedited consideration of a bill providing for comprehensive tax reform, by the order of the Senate of Tuesday, January 1, 2013, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8584–86**

Adopted:
Reid/McConnell Amendment No. 3448, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8585**
Pryor (for Reid) Amendment No. 3450, to amend the title. **Page S8586**

Space Launch Liability Provisions: Senate passed H.R. 6586, to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8608–09**

Pryor (for Nelson (FL)/Hutchison) Amendment No. 3449, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8609**

Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6060, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2019, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8609**

Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline: Senate passed S. 302, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for a natural gas transmission pipeline in nonwilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park. **Page S8609**

Inter-Country Adoptions of Russian Children: Senate agreed to S. Res. 628, expressing the deep disappointment of the Senate in the enactment by the Russian Government of a law ending inter-country adoptions of Russian children by United States citizens and urging the Russia Government to reconsider the law and prioritize the processing of inter-country adoptions involving parentless Russian children who were already matched with United States families before the enactment of the law. **Pages S8609–10**

Authorize the Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 629, to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Armed Services. **Page S8610**

Messages from the House: **Page S8588**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S8588**

Executive Communications: **Pages S8588–89**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S8590–92**

Additional Statements: **Pages S8586–88**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8592–S8608**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—251) **Page S8585**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 31, 2012 and adjourned at 2:31 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1, 2013, until 2 p.m. on the same day.

(For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8610.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.